

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	May 23, 2012
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	June 6, 2012
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health (MH)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Request approval to renew the existing Transitional Housing Program (THP) Agreement with A Community of Friends (ACOF) to provide housing and supportive services to Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) and Severely Persistently Mentally Ill (SPMI) young adults.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Transitional Housing Program and supportive services for SED and SPMI young adults.
<b>DEADLINES</b>	June 30, 2012
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	For Fiscal Year 2012-13, funding will be provided by Intrafund Transfer from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) – Independent Living Program funds for a Total Compensation Amount of \$136,000.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	To provide housing and supportive services for SED and SPMI young adults, ages 18 to 21, who have been in foster care in either the Dependency or the Delinquency system and had their court jurisdiction terminated.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b> (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>Step-Out, a THP, is a collaborative effort between ACOF, DCFS, Probation and MH. The primary goal of the Step-Out is to assist these high risk young adults in obtaining and remaining in secure housing, increasing their independent living skills and income levels, and achieving greater independence through self-sufficiency.</p> <p>The renewal of this Agreement authorizes the continuation of the Step-Out THP with ACOF, and is required to continue the provision of housing and supportive services for SED/SPMI young adults who are exiting the Dependency or Delinquency systems.</p> <p>The program will commence on July 1, 2012, and continue through June 30, 2013.</p>
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